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**Gov. Beshear Appoints Longtime Energy Regulator  
to Public Service Commission**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 11, 2012)** – Governor Steve Beshear has appointed a longtime energy regulator to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC). Linda Breathitt, of Lexington, has worked in the energy sector for years in state and federal positions.

“Linda has a broad range of experience in the energy sector that few can match,” said Gov. Beshear. “Her vision and expertise in this field will serve our entire state well.”

Breathitt currently serves as Federal Representative to the Southern States Energy Board, where she represents the U.S. Department of Energy. She has also worked as a senior energy and regulatory advisor at a law firm in Washington, D.C. She was appointed in 1997 as Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in which she provided regulatory oversight of the electric transmission system, energy markets, natural gas pipelines, oil pipelines, and hydro-electric licensing. Prior to her federal work, Breathitt was a Commissioner and later, Chair of the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

"I am thrilled to be appointed to the PSC again and look forward to working with my colleagues on the challenging and exciting issues we face in energy and regulation today," said Breathitt.

The PSC is charged with regulating the intrastate rates and services of over 1500 utility companies throughout the state. Utilities under PSC jurisdiction are investor-owned electric, gas, telecommunications, certain water and sewer utilities, rural electric and telephone cooperatives and water districts and associations.

Breathitt replaces Charlie Borders, who resigned in December. Her term will begin May 21.

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